1988 (illdate) and what are the reasons identified for the decline in the off-take of the controlled cloth;

(c) what is the percentage of decline in the production of controlled cloth by the mills under NTC as a result thereof and what is the extent of loss suffered by the mills on this account; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government to retrieve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, the percentage of decline in the off-take of cotton controlled cloth during 1987-88 was 37 per cent as compared to the off-take in 1986-87. The production of controlled cloth has also declined in keeping with the decline in the movement of controlled cloth and has adversely affected the overall performance of the mills producing controlled cloth. The major factor accounting for decline in the offtake of controlled cloth during 1987-88 is the lack of financial resources of the State Marketing Federations through which NCCF sells this cloth.

(d) NTC and NCCF have taken steps to improve the marketing of controlled cloth.

World Bank Programme for Sericulture Development

3422. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has recently approved of a Rs. 800/- crores programme for sericulture development and for increasing the production of silk yarn in the country;

(b) if so, what is the broad outline of the programme; and

(c) what steps are being taken to implement the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) In collaboration with State Governments, the Central Silk Board has formulated a National Sericulture Project for increasing production of mulberry raw silk in the country. The project envisages an additional production of 6765 tonnes by the end of the project period. The project has been posed for World Bank Assistance and a Mission from the Bank is expected to visit India in September/October, 1988 to discuss details of the project.

Setting up of Environment Protection Councils in States

3423. SHRI HASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had suggested to State Governments to set up an Environment Protection Council in their States;

(b) if so, how many State have set up such Councils so far;

(c) what are the aims and objectives of the Councils;

(d) whether any guidelines have been issued for the implementation of the environment programme; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Thirteen States and three Union territories.

(c) (i) Review work relating to environment undertaken in the State by Government and non-governmental organisations.

(ii) Advise the State Government on environmental issues of the State.

(iii) Identify areas requiring investigation, reaserch and restoration in the field of environment.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Guidelines have been issued with regard to following:

Management of Forests, Management of National Parks, Preparation of Impact Assessment Statements, Prevention and Control of Pollution, Management of Hazardous Substances and Organisational Structure.

20-Point Economic Programme of NABARD

3424. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has liberalised its re-finance scheme for commercial banks for individuals; for proprietory/partnership concernes, for construction of worksheds, godowns, for the opening of showrooms and for purchases of delivery vans/Trucks, commercial vehicles and enhanced the investment limit to the norms of Rs. 35 lakhs which was earlier exclusively available to registered institutions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that NABARD has waived collateral security by way of immovable property or third party guarantee except the assets created out of the loan amount to be hypothecated so as to generate more employment and end poverty speedily; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that under the new 20-Point Economic Programme margin money has also been reduced and moratorium period has been extended; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Sickness Insurance Scheme for Small Scale Units

3425. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the RBI is planning to introduce a Sickness Insurance Scheme for small-scale units and financial institutions; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the said Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Profit earned by non-resident Indians

3426. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of profit taken away by Non-Resident Indians from investment in the country since 1982-83, with yearwise details; and

(b) what is the rate of investment by the Non-Resident Indians during the same period, year-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Such information is not being maintained at present.

(b) The total investments made by Non-Resident Indians since 1982-83